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Dear 2002 Classmates,

It has been almost 15 years since we graduated from K. Much has happened for all of us, for the world, and for K. Some of us recently had the pleasure of meeting our new President, Jorge Gonzalez, while he toured around the country. His enthusiasm for K and the unique college experience that it offers was contagious and reminded us of all the reasons we have treasured our K experience and the education received. The reunion committee is already at work planning for this year’s homecoming, and we look forward to seeing many of you there to reminisce about all the great times we had at K and to learn about what you’ve been up to since we last saw each other.

Though the official registration will not open until September, we wanted to give you a heads up on all that is happening:

- **Save the dates of October 20-22, 2017.** Start making your travel arrangements and book your hotel room soon. You can find a list of hotel room blocks at [kzoo.edu/homecoming](http://kzoo.edu/homecoming).

- **Share your creative ideas for reunion events.** K will coordinate our class photo and our Saturday night reunion, along with other Homecoming Weekend activities. How would you like to spend additional time with our classmates? Please call or email us with your ideas, or consider joining our reunion committee. Updates regarding our class reunion will be posted as our weekend plans are confirmed at [kzoo.edu/reunion](http://kzoo.edu/reunion).

- **Connect with current students.** As we all know, finding jobs and careers after college is a winding path where any guidance can be helpful. One of the most important ways to give back to the school is to share your experiences with and mentor current students. If you can make it, come early on Friday to share your career path and expertise with current students at the Homecoming Connection Reception from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, October 20. Please also update your profile in the Alumni Directory, which will make it easier for K and current students to maximize the benefit of our alumni network. Go to [kzoo.edu/alumnidirectory](http://kzoo.edu/alumnidirectory), log in, and make sure your contact and professional information is up-to-date. You can also use the directory to see our class list and to find a particular classmate before our reunion.

- **Share a reunion update with our class.** Please write a message to our class and include any information you would like to share, whether it be about your family, work, vacations, hobbies, or your favorite K memory. Our messages will be compiled into a reunion e-book and shared via email with our class. Even if you can’t join us on campus, we’d love to hear from you. You will find the form to share an update online at [kzoo.edu/reunionupdate](http://kzoo.edu/reunionupdate).

- **Join our Facebook group.** Go to [facebook.com/groups/KClassof2002](http://facebook.com/groups/KClassof2002). We will be posting notices for events and can otherwise send messages via facebook to continue planning for the reunion. You can also post photos and otherwise reconnect with everyone.
• **Take the Reunion Giving Challenge.** The school depends on alumni giving. In fact, many grants and other donation opportunities depend in part on the percentage of alumni who give back. As we celebrate our 15th reunion, please consider a gift in honor of this special year. Any amount helps, and it will also help the College garner additional support from other sources as well. The challenge runs from July 1, 2017—June 30, 2018. For more information, visit [kzoo.edu/giving/reunion](http://kzoo.edu/giving/reunion).

Please check your email and the homecoming website for reunion updates in the months to come. Online registration opens at the beginning of September. In the meantime, check out [kzoo.edu/takeabite](http://kzoo.edu/takeabite) to view volunteer and giving opportunities that can make a difference with students and our alma mater.

The reunion committee hopes you will join us for what promises to be a fun and exciting weekend for our class!

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